

SUMMARY DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

For the *Draft Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*

**Prepared September 2023 by the City of Montgomery MPO Transportation Planning Staff
For the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).**

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

The City of Montgomery MPO Transportation Planning Staff held a two-week public comment period from September 7, 2023 through September 22, 2023 to solicit comments from the general public regarding the Draft Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). In addition, the City of Montgomery Transportation Planning Staff held a public hearing to solicit comments from the general public on September 21, 2023.

- **Comments Received**

Three (3) comments were received via e-mail through the City of Montgomery MPO. No comments were received at the public hearing site held on September 21, 2023.

- **Publicity**

The City of Montgomery MPO Transportation Planning Staff placed an advertisement in the Montgomery. Also, the Draft Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) document, advertisement and comment form were placed on the Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) website for access the internet at <http://www.montgomerympo.com>

The Draft Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) document, advertisement, and comment forms were placed at locations listed below for public viewing and comment from September 7, 2023 through September 22, 2023:

Montgomery City/County

- Montgomery Intermodal Transportation Facility, 495 Molton Street
- City of Montgomery Planning Department, 25 Washington Ave, 3rd Floor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Public Meeting Announcement and Public Comment Period

For Draft Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a comment period and a public involvement meeting to gather input on the Draft Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The public comment period will start on Friday September 15th, 2023 until Friday September 22nd, 2023. The Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Staff will explain the TIP process in an open house format and the requirement of having a TIP.

The Draft TIP document has estimated \$195,3130,520 total dollars in MPO member jurisdiction and Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) planned and programmed projects for FY 2024-2027. The public involvement meetings will be held in an open house format. The Draft TIP document will be available for review and commenting on. Comment forms will be provided and comments will need to be returned by September 22nd, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. The MPO planning staff, ALDOT staff and other MPO member jurisdiction staffs will also be available to discuss the draft TIP and answer questions related to the TIP. The TIP public involvement meeting is schedule is as follows:

Thursday, September 21, 2023

**City of Montgomery Intermodal Transportation Facility - Conference Room
495 Molton Street
11:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.
4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.**

The Draft *Fiscal Years 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)* document, executive summary and comment forms can be downloaded and reviewed on the MPO internet website at <https://montgomerympo.com/mpo-meeting-dates-materials/>, and also reviewed and commented on at the following locations below:

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For more information about the Draft FY 2024-2027 TIP please call Mr. Robert Smith, Director of Planning, Department of Planning, City of Montgomery/Montgomery MPO, Alabama at (334) 625-2218 or email him at rsmith@montgomeryal.gov. Our office is located at the City of Montgomery Downtown Intermodal Transportation Facility located at 495 Molton Street. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you have a disability which requires special assistance, then please contact the MPO Planning staff at least 72 hours before the meeting at the number listed above.

Montgomery Advertiser

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Classified Ad Receipt (For Info Only - NOT A BILL)

Customer: CITY OF MONTGOMERY MONTGOMERY
Address: 25 WASHINGTON AVE FL 3
MONTGOMERY AL 36104
USA

Ad No.: 0005827133
Pymt Method Invoice
Order Amount \$661.50

Phone: (334) 625-2218
Run Times: 3
Run Dates: 09/19/23, 09/20/23, 09/21/23

No. of Affidavits: 0

Text of Ad:

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Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Sign-In Sheet

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Improvement Program (TIP)

Day: Thursday – September 21, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: City of Montgomery – Intermodal Transportation
Facility- 495 Molton Street-Conference Room

Please Sign In:

NAME	AGENCY/ADDRESS/EMAIL
1. Rev. Dr. W. David McChung II	Holt Street BC Historical Society / holtstreet903@gmail.com
2. Lisa Walters	City of Emory / MPO
3. Robert Smith	MPO / City
4. Casey Lewis	MPO
5. James Asken	MPO
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Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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Location: City of Montgomery – Intermodal Transportation
Facility- 495 Molton Street-Conference Room

Please Sign In:

NAME	AGENCY/ADDRESS/EMAIL
1. Robert Smith	MPO
2. Craig Lane	MPO
3. James W. Ken	MPO
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**MONTGOMERY MPO
COMMENT FORM
DRAFT FY 2024-2027 Montgomery MPO Transportation Improvement
Program**

NAME _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

**1. Please list all comments you have regarding the proposed Draft FY 2024-2027
Transportation Improvement Program TIP:** _____

2. Please list comments about this public involvement procedure: _____

Please return by Friday, September 22, 2023 or mail to the address below. Telephone comments may be made by calling (334) 625-2218. All comments will be provided for MPO members to review. Thank you for your involvement.

City of Montgomery Department of Planning, Transportation Planning Division
P.O. Box 1111, Intermodal Transportation Facility, 495 Molton St., Planning Department,
Transportation Planning Division, Montgomery AL 36101-1111
Telephone: (334) 625-2218 or Fax: (334) 625-2326
E-mail: rsmith@montgomeryal.gov or ctlewis@montgomeryal.gov

Please use the back of this page if you need more space or please feel free to write out your comment on a separate sheet of paper and send to the address listed above by the deadline.

Lewis, Casey T.

From: Smith, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 5:49 PM
To: Lewis, Casey T.; Askew, James; Walters, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: MPO Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Period
Attachments: Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).docx

FYI on comments received.

Robert Smith

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Earlene Wright <earlenewright45@yahoo.com>
Date: September 19, 2023 at 5:38:41 PM CDT
To: "Smith, Robert" <rsmith@montgomeryal.gov>, isaiahsankey@mc-ala.org
Cc: Carolyn Howard <choward492@bellsouth.net>, Deborah Smith <smith429108@yahoo.com>, Billie Taylor <beetaylor1118@hotmail.com>, Donald Hendricks <swapmeat37@gmail.com>, James Dowell <jamesdowell49@icloud.com>
Subject: MPO Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Period

You don't often get email from earlenewright45@yahoo.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Thanks for the information!

I may not be able to attend. Please see the attachment regarding some of the concerns we are experiencing that's relative to transportation

The Greater Madison Park Neighborhood Association



Changing Lives through Neighborhood Development & Improvement

**2761 Russell Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117
(334) 272-6825 or (334) 462-3951**

September 19, 2023

The concerns/problems that the Madison Park Community is experiencing regarding transportation are:

1. The condition of the gravel roads
2. The lack of street lights
3. The hazardous driving condition of Sanders Lane

Before we were annexed into the City of Montgomery, these roads were County Maintained. But now, the City and the County both denies any responsibility for maintenance of these roads. Taxes are being collected but services are not being provided.

Any assistance with these issues would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Earlene Wright - President

Carolyn Howard – Vice- President

Lewis, Casey T.

From: Smith, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:44 AM
To: W David McClung II
Cc: isaiahsankey@mc-ala.org; isaiahsankey@gmail.com, Lewis, Casey T.; Walters, Lisa; Askew, James
Subject: RE: isaiahsankey@mc-ala-gov
Attachments: Holt Street Historical TIP Proposal_FY24-27.pdf

Dr McClung:

Email received. I will forward your email request to the Montgomery MPO via a public involvement summary of comments to consider before the approval of the Final TIP. A cost estimate will need to be prepared by the City or Montgomery County also to determine what the cost of doing the project that you have proposed will be. The City or Montgomery County can make a determination on how best to handle your request. Based on that a decision will have to be made on whether to include your proposed project in the TIP or to handle getting your project done with City Maintenance Crews or a contractor.

One thing to keep in mind is that the TIP will be amended many times over the next 4 years, so if this does not make it into the final TIP there will also be many other opportunities.

Thank You for your involvement.

Robert Smith
Director of Planning
Department of Planning
City of Montgomery/Montgomery MPO
25 Washington Ave 3rd Floor
Montgomery, AL 36104
Office Phone: 334-625-2218
Mobile Phone: 334-651-5531
Email: rsmith@montgomeryal.gov

From: W David McClung II <pastord@holtstreet-mbc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Smith, Robert <rsmith@montgomeryal.gov>
Subject: isaiahsankey@mc-ala-gov

You don't often get email from pastord@holtstreet-mbc.org. [Learn why this is important](#)
Greetings Mr. Smith,

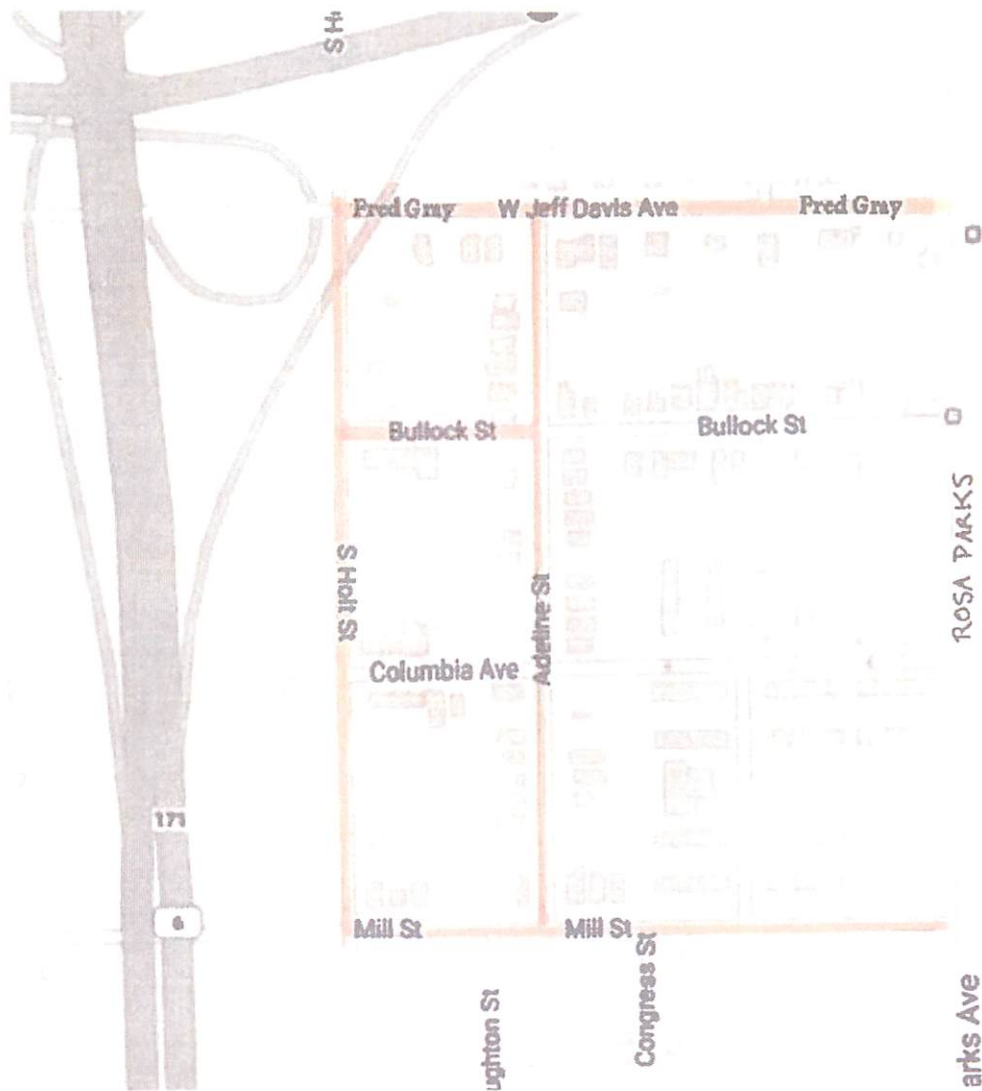
We have attached our proposal for consideration of inclusion in the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Dr. W. David McClung, II

**Holt Street Neighborhood Proposal
to the
Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2024-2027**

Project Description: Resurface, add/repair sidewalks from Fred Gray at Holt Street to Rosa Parks and Fred Gray at Holt Street to Mill Street; Mill Street at Holt Street to Rosa Parks; Fred Gray at Adeline Street to Mill Street; and Bullock Street at Holt Street to Adeline Street.



The Holt Street Baptist Church Historical Society, on behalf of itself and the citizens living in west Montgomery, do request consideration of inclusion of this proposed request to resurface, add/repair sidewalks, and enhance a section of the Civil Rights Trail, as well as a section of west Montgomery.

The Society was created to maintain the Holt Street Baptist Church structure as a museum and historic site for, among others, the purpose of preserving the history of the church, its role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the movement that the Boycott spawned. This building was the site of the first mass meeting that launched the Montgomery Bus Boycott on December 5, 1955, and for the Boycott's duration that continued serving as the primary meeting place for strategic planning sessions as well as other mass meetings.

The Museum has received city residents and tourist from other states as well as foreign countries. Our visitors, drive, ride tourism buses, ride bicycles, and some have even walked from downtown Montgomery hotels. The City of Montgomery has many transportation options for traveling visitors and city residents, which supports and enriches the City's economic vitality, safety, and security. We believe that additional investments should be made in west Montgomery to increase accessibility and mobility of its citizens and tourist that are now coming to see all of Montgomery's historical sites.

Lewis, Casey T.

From: Smith, Robert
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 10:48 AM
To: Isaiah Sankey
Cc: Dunson, Patrick; Olesen, Holly; Conway, Chris; Lewis, Casey T.; Walters, Lisa
Subject: RE: Transportation Improvement Plan

Commissioner Sankey - MPO Member Sankey:

Email comments received. I will share your comments with the Montgomery MPO members of which you are a voting member of. I will also share your comments with the City of Montgomery Engineering Department and Public Works Department about the Froggy Bottom bridge and the requested need for sidewalks. As we discussed about the bridge replacement project, the City Engineering Department has determined that the bridge is not structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and will not replace it at this time. They did say that the bridge is narrow but that vehicles can pass in each direction. They said they will post a sign in each direction before reaching the bridge that says that the bridge is narrow and also install guard rails on it. Further, all of Wares Ferry Road has been resurfaced from Atlanta Hwy to McLemore Road with the City and County splitting the cost to get the resurfacing done to totally complete the project.

There is federal funding available that the MPO has that can be used for sidewalk projects. There are funds under the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and the Carbon Reduction Program funds. Also regular MPO dedicated funds can be used for sidewalk projects. It is a matter of conversations with the City agreeing to fund projects with both 80% federal funds and 20% local match and a cost estimate on what it will take to get those things done.

I agree with you that citizen participation is important. We take multiple approaches and attempts to getting citizen participation in the transportation process. Those ways include: MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Public Notices in the local general circulation newspaper (Montgomery Advertiser), the MPO internet website (Montgomerympo.com) and email distribution of the public notice, comment forms, summary of project funds for the TIP and comment forms to the Neighborhood Association Presidents via the Neighborhood Services Department at the City and the conduct of public involvement meetings which is held at a central location, which is at the City of Montgomery's Intermodal Transportation Facility in the Conference Room, which is central place that is accessible for people with disabilities and accessible via our public transit system's central point for all bus routes. Please let me know about the particular groups that you mention and we will invite them to future efforts for plans and programs. We have attempted in the past to do just that but have never gotten significant attendance. All meetings that the MPO or any advisory committee has are open to the public.

Your recommendation about an equity committee should be brought forth to the rest of the MPO Policy board membership to get that created. Just an FYI there is a great deal of federal funds that comes to the ALDOT/State of Alabama that can be accessed, but there is a 20% local city or county match that has to be agreed to pay to obtain the funds in addition to federal grant applications. I have copied City Engineering and Public Works Staffers for their information about your comments on the Froggy Bottom Bridge and sidewalk needs along Wares Ferry Road.

One thing to keep in mind, the TIP is a living document and can be changed with amendments as we do several times each fiscal year.

Thanks,

Robert Smith
Director of Planning
Department of Planning

City of Montgomery/Montgomery MPO
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Montgomery, AL 36104
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Mobile Phone: 334-651-5531
Email: rsmith@montgomeryal.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Isaiah Sankey <ISAIAHSANKEY@mc-ala.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 11:04 PM
To: Smith, Robert <rsmith@montgomeryal.gov>
Subject: Transportation Improvement Plan

Greetings Mr. Robert Smith

I am responding to your outreach effort to get citizens involved in commenting on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2024-2027.

I have spoken with the some of the citizens that live along Waresferry Road in Montgomery Alabama in regards to the 2 Bridges that need an upgrade. We all agree that the Froggy Bottom Bridge is in poor condition and certainly represents a potential safety hazard for pedestrians and motorists alike. Aside from being in poor condition, the bridge is too narrow. In addition, there are no sidewalks or any area that would provide some means for crossing the bridge on foot. The replacement of this bridge should be included in the TIP for 2024.

Also, citizen participation is an important part of our transportation program and should be a process that is truly inclusive. In order to achieve this objective the MPO should arrange to have better community outreach. This could be accomplished by having public hearings in traditionally underrepresented communities, reaching out to low income groups, minorities, persons with disabilities, and the elderly. The data on the percentage of people participating in the public hearing by coming to the Intermodal Transportation Facility should be reviewed for statistical significance.

An additional recommendation that I would put forth, is to establish an Equity Committee within the MPO. This committee would be responsible for identifying funding sources at the Federal level that are available to address surface transportation challenges in our service area, with a special focus on traditionally underserved and historically disadvantaged communities. We are missing the opportunity to identify funding that could be used to address deferred maintenance within our transportation network.

Thank you for the opportunity to enter my comments into the official record.

Commissioner Isaiah Sankey
Vice Chairman, District 4

Sent from my iPhone